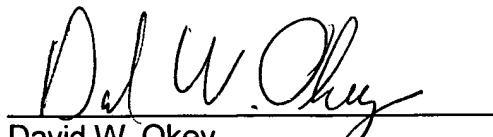


REMARKS

1. Attorney for the Applicants thanks the Examiner for allowing the claims of the present application. The claims are listed herein with the changes to Claims 1, 4, 20 and 23, as agreed to in the Interview with the Examiner on February 9, 2005.
2. As mentioned above, the Examiner and the undersigned conducted an interview on February 9, 2005. Claims 1, 4, 20 and 23 were discussed. The Examiner agreed to allow Claims 1 and 20 if they were amended with the limitations of Claims 4 and 23, respectively.
3. Upon studying the Notice of Allowance and the Examiner's Amendment, the undersigned noticed that the term "annealing" in the Examiner's amendment to Claims 1 and 20 does not have an antecedent basis. Accordingly, the undersigned has prepared this amendment using instead the adjective "pre-annealing." This will also avoid confusion with the term "annealing" which occurs later in both Claim 1 and Claim 20.
4. The Examiner is again thanked for her help, and is requested to enter this amendment and to issue a patent for this subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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